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# STAR TREK®

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AFTER A BRIEF LAYOVER FOR RECALIBRATION OF OUR INERTIAL PLATFORM, WE ARE LEAVING STAR-BASE 22 ON A HEADING FOR ARGUS IV, TO INVESTIGATE SEISMIC DISTURBANCES THAT MAY IMPERIL A MINING COLONY THERE.

IT'S A LIVING



SPOCK, I'D LIKE A SHALLOW SEARCH DATA PACKAGE ON ARGUS IV, AND THE MINING OPERATION THERE ... GEOLOGICAL AND CORPORATE.

IT'S READY FOR YOU, CAPTAIN.

CAPTAIN, A CALL FOR YOU, FROM COMMODORE COBB, AT THE STARBASE.

PUT IT ON THE VIEWER

JIM, A LONG-RANGE SHUTTLE CAME IN AS YOU LEFT, WITH A PASSENGER FOR YOU...

... BEARING A LETTER OF TRANSIT... SIGNED BY ADMIRAL NOGURA HIMSELF.

A PASSENGER!? ... ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'LL HAVE TO BEAM ABOARD ... I'D RATHER NOT PUT ABOUT.

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OUR MISSION TO INVESTIGATE SEISMIC DISTURBANCES AT THE ARGUS II MINING COLONY IS DELAYED BY ORDERS TO TAKE ON A PASSENGER, WITH A LETTER OF TRANSIT SIGNED BY ADMIRAL NOGURA.

IT'S A LIVING

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THE PASSENGER IS BEAMING ABOARD NOW, SIR.

WHOEVER HE IS...



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THE ADMIRAL'S SIGNATURE GIVES HIM WIDE ACCESS WITHIN STAR- FLEET.



MR. SULU, WE'LL MEET OUR PASSENGER IN THE OFFICER'S LOUNGE.... ONCE HIS CREDENTIALS ARE VERIFIED.

AYE.



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ADMIRAL NOGURA KNOWS HOW I FEEL ABOUT PASSENGERS...



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HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR APPROVING THIS ONE.

NO DOUBT.





CAPTAIN, MAY I  
INTRODUCE OUR  
PASSENGER...

I KNOW  
THAT  
FACE.



JO WILLIAMS... THE BEST-  
KNOWN BROADCAST  
JOURNALIST IN THE  
QUADRANT! ...WE'RE  
HONORED.

THE  
HONOR  
IS MINE.



I'M THRILLED  
TO BE DOING A  
DOCUMENTARY  
"SPECIAL" WITH  
THE LEGENDARY  
CAPTAIN  
KIRK AND MR.  
SPOCK.

DOCUMENTARY?!

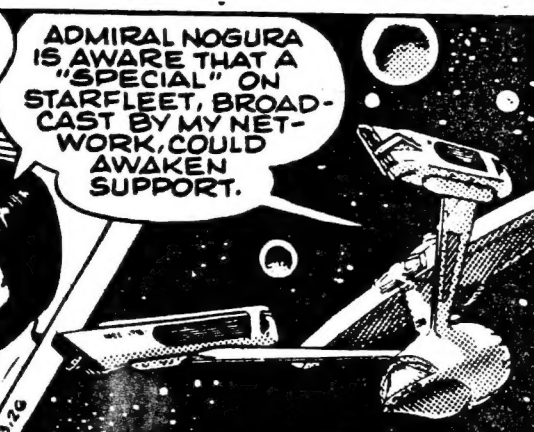


WHAT'S ALL  
THIS ABOUT A  
DOCUMENTARY  
?

IT'S NO SECRET  
THAT BUDGET  
CUTS HAVE LEFT  
STARFLEET  
UNDER-  
ALLOCATED.

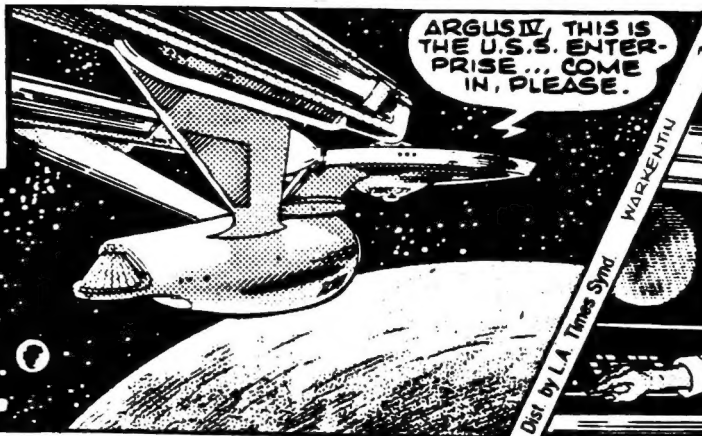


THE SPACE PROGRAM  
ALWAYS HAS BEEN...  
IT'S PRACTICALLY A  
TRADITION.



ADMIRAL NOGURA  
IS AWARE THAT A  
"SPECIAL" ON  
STARFLEET, BROAD-  
CAST BY MY NET-  
WORK, COULD  
AWAKEN  
SUPPORT.

SIX DAYS LATER... IN ORBIT OVER ARGUS IV



ARGUS IV, THIS IS THE U.S.S. ENTERPRISE... COME IN, PLEASE.

I'M GETTING NO RESPONSE FROM THE PLANET.



THEY COULD BE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THEIR RADIO.

LET'S HOPE THAT'S IT.



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SPOCK, WE'LL BE PUTTING A PARTY PLANESIDE IN TEN MINUTES.

TO INCLUDE WHOM?



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CAPTAIN, WILL I HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES?... OR CAN I BEAM TO THE PLANET AS I AM?

YOU WON'T BE GOING.



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MAY I REMIND YOU, CAPTAIN... I'M DOING A DOCUMENTARY ON STARFLEET, ...WITH THE APPROVAL OF ADMIRAL NOGURA.





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IN THE  
TURBO-  
LIFT...

DESPITE ADMIRAL NOGURA'S  
ORDERS, I'M NOT PLEASED  
ABOUT YOUR BEAMING  
DOWN... IT COULD BE  
DANGEROUS.

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AND YOU  
LOVE IT, DON'T  
YOU, CAPTAIN?



KIRK, SPOCK  
AND WILLIAMS  
THE JOURNAL-  
IST BEAM TO  
THE MINING  
COLONY AT  
ARGUS II.

WE'RE FROM  
THE ENTERPRISE.  
...WE RADIOED,  
BUT COULDN'T  
RAISE YOUR  
BASE.

WE HEARD YOU,  
BUT THERE WAS  
ANOTHER QUAKE  
A COUPLE OF  
HOURS AGO...

NO ONE  
WAS HURT,  
BUT...



...OUR  
TRANSMIT-  
TER WAS  
KNOCKED  
OUT.

BLAZES!

IT'S THAT  
MEDDLER  
KIRK, AND  
HIS BAT-  
EARED  
STOOGES!

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I'M JAMES KIRK.  
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO  
MAX VARGAS, THE  
OWNER... I UNDER-  
STAND HE'S ON  
THE PLANET.

I'M MAX  
VARGAS.

BUT I SOLD  
THE MINING  
RIGHTS AN  
HOUR AGO.



... TO THAT  
GENTLEMAN  
THERE.

OH, NO!  
IT'S...



HARRY  
MUDD!

HARCOURT  
FENTON  
MUDD TO  
YOU, CAPTAIN...  
I'M A RESPECTABLE  
BUSINESSMAN  
THESE DAYS.





KIRK, SPOCK AND  
JO WILLIAMS, THE  
JOURNALIST,  
BEAM TO ARGUS II.

THERE WAS  
ANOTHER  
QUAKE TWO  
HOURS AGO.

THANKS  
FOR COM-  
ING.

OUR TRANS-  
MITTER WAS  
DAMAGED.

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ARE YOU MAX  
VARGAS, THE  
OWNER OF  
THE PLANET

I'M  
VARGAS,  
BUT I SOLD  
OUT...AN  
HOUR AGO.

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...TO  
THAT  
MAN.

HARRY  
MUDD!

KIRK!...HOW  
DEPRESSING  
TO SEE YOU  
HERE!

LISTEN,  
KIRK...

AS OF AN  
HOUR AGO,  
I OWN THIS  
PLANET...

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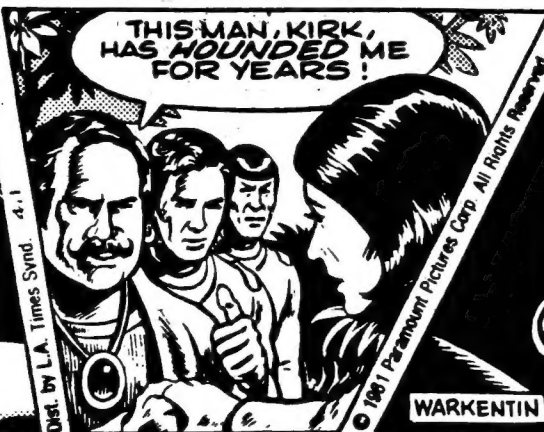
...AND I'LL THANK YOU AND  
YOUR SATANIC SIDEKICK  
TO KEEP YOUR OFFICIAL  
NOSES OUT OF MY  
BUSINESS!

BUT,  
HARRY...

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YOU ARE MY BUSINESS.  
...YOU'RE A WANTED  
MAN.

NOT HERE!  
...THERE IS NO  
EXTRADITION  
FROM THIS  
SECTOR!





YOU WERE  
RATHER HARSH  
WITH MR. MUDD.

HARRY MUDD  
IS A SWINDLER,  
A CON ARTIST  
AND A CHEAT.

HIS POLICE  
RECORD IS AN  
ENCYCLOPEDIA  
OF TRICKERY  
AND FRAUD.

CAPTAIN...  
YOU'D BETTER  
HAVE A LOOK AT  
THIS READING.

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LIFE-FORM READINGS  
ARE COMPLETELY OFF  
THE SCALE!

...THERE MUST  
BE BILLIONS OF  
SOMETHING  
...RIGHT UNDER  
OUR FEET!

SPOCK  
TO ENTER-  
PRISE.

ENTERPRISE...  
SCOTT HERE.

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ENGINEER,  
USE SHIP'S  
SENSORS TO  
MAKE A  
PLANETWIDE  
SCAN FOR  
LIFE FORMS.

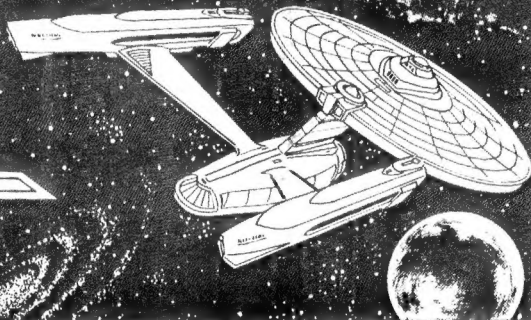
YE'LL  
HAVE IT  
IN THREE  
MINUTES,  
SPOCK.

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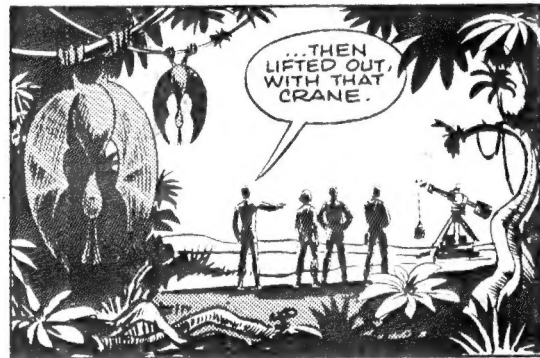


CAPTAIN KIRK, COMMANDER SPOCK AND WILLIAMS, THE JOURNALIST, DISCUSS THE ARGUS IV SITUATION WITH MAX VARGAS, ONCE OWNER OF THE PLANET, NOW FOREMAN FOR THE SHADY HARRY MUDD.

THERE IS NO MINE, AS SUCH, THE SLABS ARE QUARRIED, JUST OVER THAT RISE...



...THEN LIFTED OUT, WITH THAT CRANE.



IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR IS THAT CRANE SWAYING?

IT IS!

IT'S ANOTHER QUAKE!

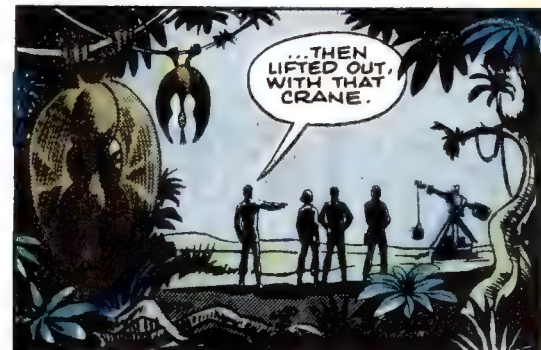
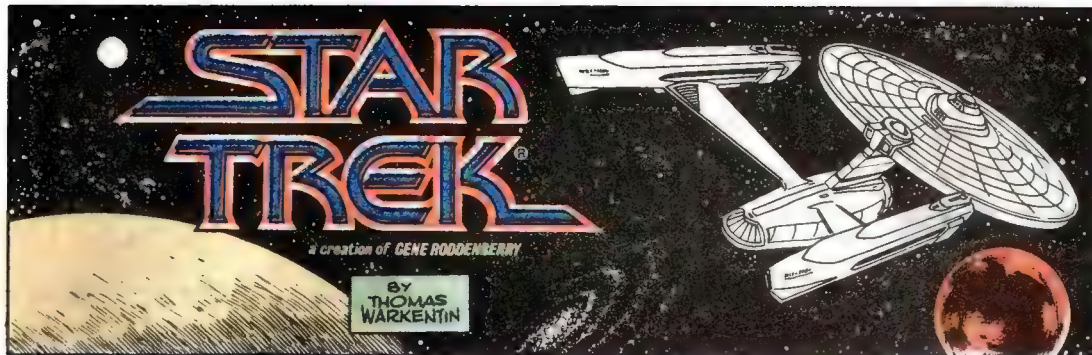


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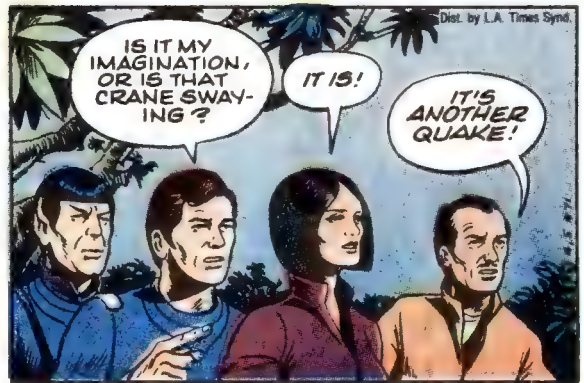
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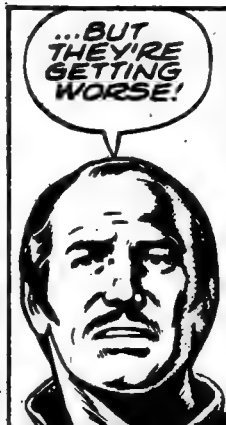
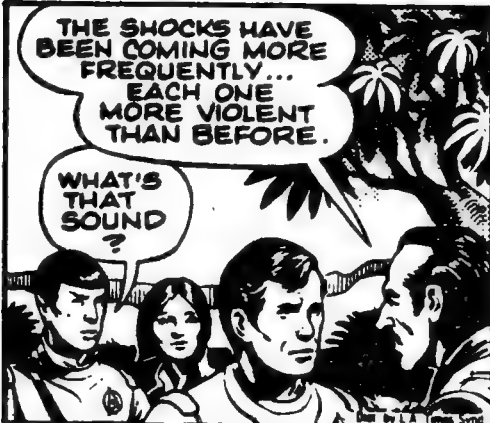
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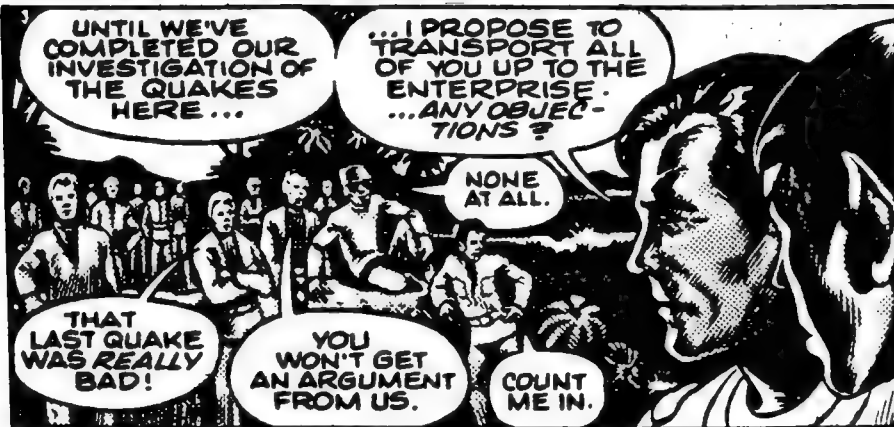
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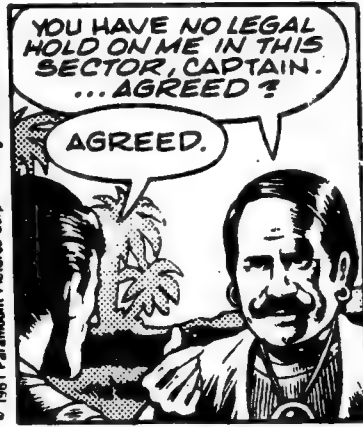
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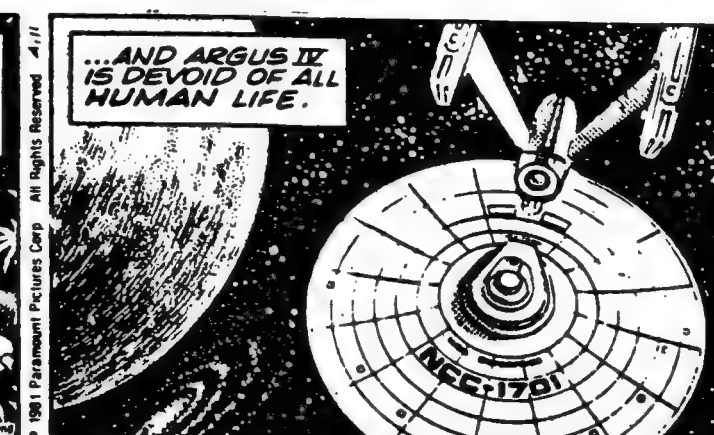
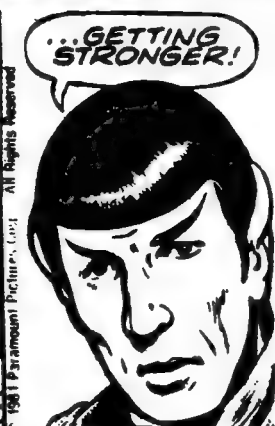
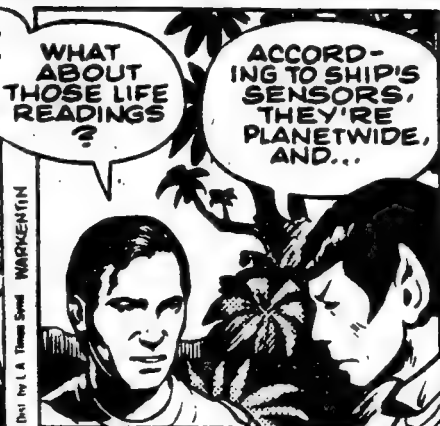


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TRANSPORTER SECTION REPORTS THE EVACUATION IS COMPLETE, SIR!

EVERYONE FROM THE PLANET IS ABOARD!

ALL RIGHT, MR. CHEKOV... ASSEMBLE THEM ON THE REC DECK!

I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER HAVE A WORD WITH THEM!

BEAMED ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE IN THE AFTERMATH OF ANOTHER VIOLENT QUAKE, THE ARGUS IV MINERS ARE ADDRESSED BY CAPTAIN KIRK...

YOU'VE BEEN LIFTED OFF THE PLANET FOR YOUR SAFETY!

MANY OF YOU HAD TO LEAVE POSSESSIONS BEHIND!

WE'LL REMAIN IN ORBIT AS WE INVESTIGATE THE SEISMIC DISTURBANCES...

...BUT ARGUS IV MAY NEVER BE SAFE ENOUGH FOR YOUR RETURN!

CAPTAIN, I DEMAND THAT YOU...

A LITTLE LATER, MR. MUDD! I HAVE A SHIP TO RUN!

ON THE BRIDGE...

SPOCK... ANYTHING FURTHER ON THE LIFE READINGS AT THE QUARRY SITE?

YES... SHIP'S SENSORS SHOW THE SAME OFF-TH-SCALE READINGS PLANET-WIDE!

I'M RUNNING A SENSOR MALFUNCTION CHECK NOW.



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SENSOR MALFUNCTION  
CHECK NOW.



OUR SEISMIC PROBES  
ON THE PLANET ARE  
RECORDING SHOCKS  
OF INCREASING  
FREQUENCY...

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...THE SHOCK  
INTERVAL IS NOW  
NINE MINUTES

...AT A  
RICHTER  
FORCE OF  
TWELVE!

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WHAT WAS  
BEING  
QUARRIED  
ON ARGUS IV?

A SUBSTANCE  
CALLED  
THERMIUM...

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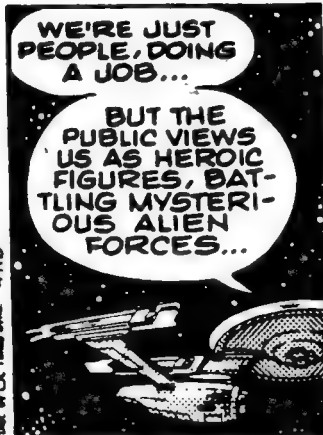
...WITH  
UNIQUE  
INSULATIVE  
PROPERTIES,  
AND WIDE  
INDUSTRIAL  
APPLICATION.

THE MINING RIGHTS  
TO THE PLANET ARE  
WORTH A FORTUNE.

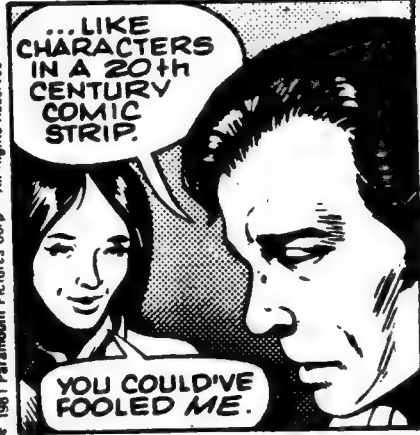
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THE PLANET IS  
FRACTURING!



OBSERVE  
THE LARGE  
FISSURE.

YES, I SEE IT.  
...SOMETHING  
BIG IN THERE.

AND IT'S  
MOVING!



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MR. SULU,  
MOVE US BACK  
50,000 KM.



DEPARTURE  
ANGLE ON  
VIEWER...  
FULL MAG.

AYE.

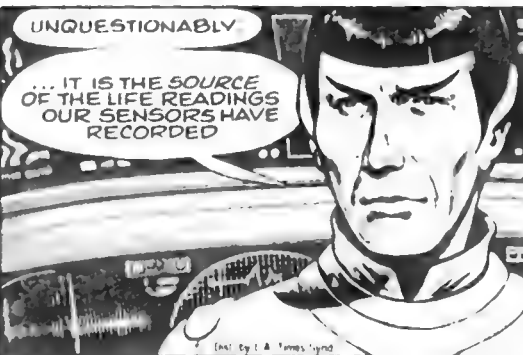


SOME-  
THING IS  
ABOUT TO  
BREAK  
OUT OF THE  
PLAN-  
ET...AND  
WHEN IT  
DOES...



I WANT  
TO SEE IT!







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SCOTTY,  
WHAT'S OUR  
WARP ENGINE  
STATUS?

WARMED UP  
AND READY,  
CAPTAIN.

THE BAIRNS  
ARE HUMMING  
AND HEALTHY.

THOSE ON THE BRIDGE  
OF THE ENTERPRISE  
ARE WITNESS TO A  
SPECTACLE WITHOUT  
PRECEDENT IN  
HUMAN SPACE TRAVEL:  
AS ARGUS II UNDER-  
GOES AN ASTOUNDING  
TRANSFORMATION...

SOME-  
THING IS  
EMERGING  
FROM THE  
PLANET!

THE WORD:  
"THINK," IS  
"HATCHING!"

ARE YOU  
SAYING IT'S  
ALIVE?

UNQUESTIONABLY.

... IT IS THE SOURCE  
OF THE LIFE READINGS  
OUR SENSORS HAVE  
RECORDED.

IT'S ALREADY  
OVER 30,000 KM  
ACROSS...

...AND STILL  
UNFOLDING!

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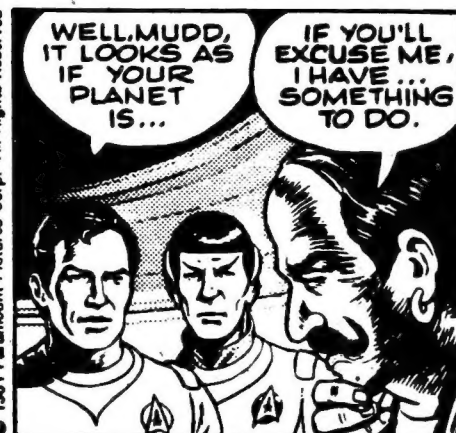
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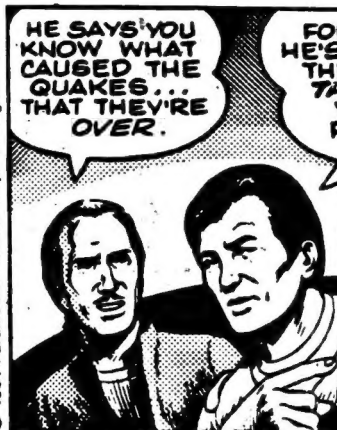


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